

The Internet Archive is a pretty incredible initiative. <http://www.archive.org/> its slogan reads, “universal access to human knowledge” (I’ll have to print myself a T-shirt with that one on it).

The Archive has stacks of content available with clearly stated copyrights and source information. It seemed to have a big emphasis on free or Creative Commons content at the time I was looking at it.

It even has what they call the “Wayback Machine” which literally saves every website there ever was! So you can use the Way Back Machine to find extinct websites, so long as you can remember the URL.

You’ll find all sorts of texts, movies, audio and music, software and games on the Archive. Better get your search right or you’ll be walking in all sorts of wild places you never expected.

I thought we’d try it out for content related to nursing. Just using the word nursing will probably turn up a vast range of stuff, but let’s just see, it will be an interesting test.

The screenshot shows the Internet Archive homepage in a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser. The browser's address bar displays 'http://www.archive.org/'. The page has a blue header with the Internet Archive logo and navigation links. A search bar at the top contains the word 'nursing'. The main content area is divided into several sections: 'Announcements' with links like 'Copyright law and Orphans: Suggested solution'; 'This Just In' with recent updates like 'Mosaic March 29, 2005'; 'Archive Collections' featuring the Wayback Machine search interface; and 'Recent Reviews' with links like 'Surf Coasters: 2005-03-06'. The bottom of the page shows a taskbar with the Windows start button and several open applications.

When you have loaded the Archive's home page, up the top you'll see a search field. Here I have entered the word nursing, with the drop down menu next to the search field set to "all media types".

Notice in the page content boxes below is the search field for the Way Back Machine, as well as the Archive's frequently updated feature content from all the content areas.

The Archive splits content up into format categories. They have content for the web, moving images including videos and animations, texts, audio, and software.

Lets click go and see what our nursing search turns up.

Internet Archive: Search Engine - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Address: <http://www.archive.org/search.php?query=nursing>

Search: All Media Types [Advanced Search](#)

Anonymous User ([login](#) or [join us](#))

Search Results

Results: 1 through 19 of 19 (0.736 secs)
You searched for: nursing

[Advanced search](#)

Sort results by:

- > Relevance
- [Average rating](#)
- [Date](#)
- [Date added](#)

Group results by:

- > Relevance
- [Mediatype](#)
- [Collection](#)

Refine your search

Collection

- [toronto](#)
- [prelinger](#)
- [tucows](#)
- [samsa](#)
- [netlabels](#)

Creator

- [Nightingale, Florence, 1820-1910](#)
- [Holmes \(Burton\) Films, Inc.](#)
- <http://www.pepid.com/products/rn/default.asp?product=RN>
- [e yard](#)
- [Affiliated Film Producers](#)

Mediatype

- [texts](#)
- [movies](#)
- [software](#)
- [audio](#)
- [etree](#)

- Notes on nursing : what it is, and what it is not** - Nightingale, Florence, 1820-1910.
Downloads: 2
- Nursing** - Holmes (Burton) Films, Inc.
Careers for women and men.
Downloads: 544 **Batting Average:** 26.83%
Average rating: ★★☆☆☆ (2 reviews)
- PEPID RN** - <http://www.pepid.com/products/rn/default.asp?product=RN>
This program provides tips and advice for **nursing** professionals. It includes medication and dosing calculators, a drug interactions generator and comprehensive drug reference.
- e yard "phantom" [samarch007]** - e yard
e yard is a harsh noise project from california, USA. explosions come in many different sizes, and e yard brings you all kinds - small, large, and head-expanding! 21 short songs will find you hung over and **nursing** a sore gut..... after a string of splits and EP releases, this is e yard's first album. visit: www.geocities.com/e_yard_mail
Downloads: 4
- Broken Appointment (Part I)** - Affiliated Film Producers
Story of a young public health nurse who comes to realize the importance of psychology in her work. This humanistic film was made by a team of famous documentarians. Photography and Editing: Richard Leacock. Writer and Producer: Irving Jacoby. Director: Willard Van Dyke.
Downloads: 362 **Batting Average:** 24.80%
Average rating: ★★★★★ (2 reviews)
- Robot Bitch** - Pilot n' Jo
Hey there, lovely fans!! How are you all doing! I'm using this text to speech thingy to come up with this. (Look, I was bored.) Jo doesn't even know I did this. He's gonna go "What the fuuuck is this!?" when he hears this. You know what, it's Valentine's Day today and I'm all alone. If I see that Cupid fellow around, I would give him a piece of my mind. Unfortunately, for me, the little twerp doesn't exist...
Downloads: 4
- Army Nurse, The** - U.S. Army Pictorial Service
Shows the daily life and work of the Army nurse, including training and off-duty activities.

As we thought, there is quite a range of stuff. On the first search result page alone we have 3 movies, 1 text, 2 audio tracks, and interestingly 1 program providing tips and advice for nursing professionals. Unfortunately it looks as though the 2 audio tracks have little to do with nursing and more to do with music. But both the movies are on the topic and even have user ratings, one of which has an average rating of 4 _ stars out of 5. The description to this film attracts me even more as it reads, "Story of a young public health nurse who comes to realise the importance of psychology in her work. This humanistic film was made by a team of famous documentarians. The name of the film is "Broken Appointment (part 1)" Directed by Willard Van Dyke. Let's take a look at it.

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window displaying the Internet Archive website. The address bar shows the URL: <http://www.archive.org/movies/details-db.php?collection=>. The page title is "Program Details for Broken Appointment (Part I) - Microsoft Internet Explorer".

The website header includes the Internet Archive logo and navigation links: [Web](#), [Moving Images](#), [Texts](#), [Audio](#), [Software](#), [Patron Info](#), [About IA](#). Below this is a search bar with the text "Prelinger Archives" and a "GO!" button. The user is logged in as "Anonymous User" with links to [login](#) or [join us](#).

The main content area displays details for the film "Broken Appointment (Part I)" (1955). It includes a thumbnail image of a man, a description of the film, and various download options. The film is described as a story of a young public health nurse who comes to realize the importance of psychology in her work. The film was made by a team of famous documentarians. Photography and Editing: Richard Leacock. Writer and Producer: Irving Jacoby. Director: Willard Van Dyke.

The film is sponsored by the Mental Health Film Board, produced by Affiliated Film Producers, and is in the public domain. It has an average user rating of 4.5 stars and has been viewed 494 times. There are two reviews: one from April 29, 2004, by DrMrHorse, and another from September 19, 2003, by Christine Hennig.

The download section lists several options: MPEGL2 (158.0M), DivX (18.8M), MPEGL4 (14.7M), MPEGL1 (59.6M), MP4 (6.4M), XML (1.3K), and XML (2.7K). There is also an "Editable" option (MPEGL4, 116.6M). The film is available for download from movies04.archive.org.

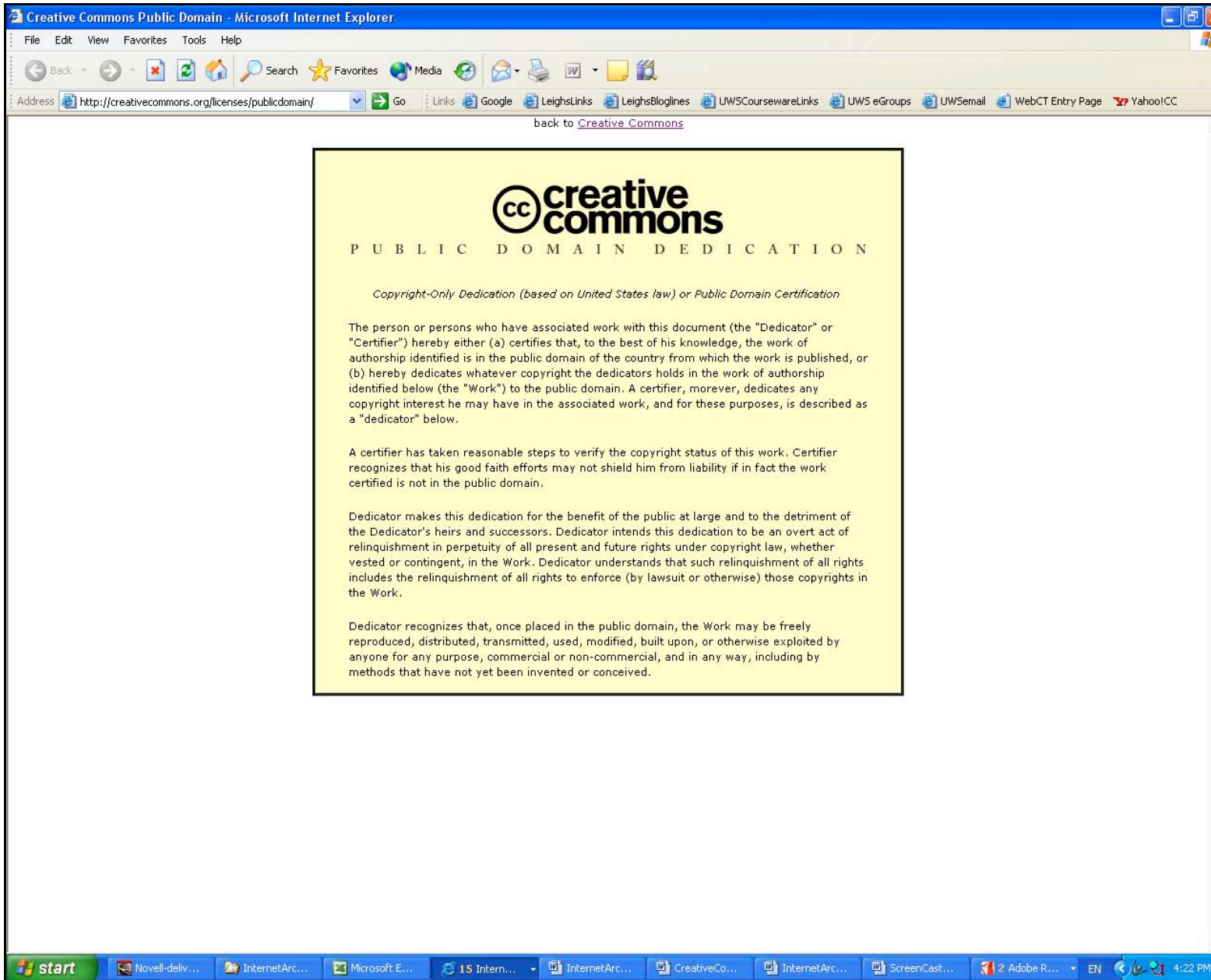
The Creative Commons license is Public Domain. The film is also available for streaming via DSL or Modem. The film is available for download in various formats: MPEGL2, DivX, MPEGL4, MPEGL1, MP4, XML, and XML. The film is also available for download in an editable format (MPEGL4).

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Clicking the link to the film has brought us into the Moving Images section of the Archive, depicted by a grey blue colour scheme, and the title link highlighted.

On the left hand page content column is a little slide show of several frames from the movie, giving me a pretty effective preview. I can see it's a black and white documentary, probably made in the 1950's. Under the preview is a link to view movie scenes, this link simply opens all the slide show frames in a new window. The run time of the film is 15 minutes, and there are several format options to download in. The full quality version is 117 megs which is a pretty darn big file. You'd want to be sure of it before downloading that size, so perhaps watching the compressed version of 15 meg would be a good idea.

There are a couple of extensive reviews shown on this page which certainly helps. But probably the most important bit of info to us is the license for use of this film. Again, in the left hand column, down the bottom is the Creative Commons License, which looks very promising. Lets click that and see the detail of the license and whether or not we can use this film.



And here we have a very open license known as the Public Domain Dedication. The last paragraph is what we need and it reads, .."[The] Dedicator recognizes that, once placed in the public domain, the Work may be freely reproduced, distributed, transmitted, used, modified, built upon, or otherwise exploited by anyone for any purpose, commercial or non-commercial, and in any way, including by methods that have not yet been invented or conceived. So there we have it. A pretty generic search has yielded us a pretty interesting and relevant result that is free to use in any way we need. This has been a very brief visit to the Internet Archive, but an introduction at least. The Way Back Machine is an incredible tool for those who have lost valuable links on the Internet, and the featured content on the Archive makes for some very interesting browsing. For more information on the Creative Commons please view the screencast in this series.